The Private Office of The Rt Hon Sir Edward Heath KG MBE MP

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

10 June 1992

Dear Mr Azzam

Sir Edward has asked me to thank you for your letter of 2 June.

It was good of you to write and appraise Sir Edward of your Council's views about the continuance of sanctions against Iraq and he has noted the points you raised.

Yours sincerely

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Sir Edward Heath, MP
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Dear Sir Edward,

Now that Iraq is fully complying with all the UN resolutions passed concerning the Gulf war, many feel that it is time for the sanctions to be lifted in order to bring some relief to the suffering of the ordinary Iraqi people.

Many innocents - babies, children and old people especially - the most vulnerable of any population, have died as a result of the after effects of the war, the lack of adequate food, medicines and infrastructure to purify water, sanitation, etc. Figures are not easy to come by but all the aid organisations which have visited Iraq post-war testify to tragic suffering throughout the country on a horrendous scale. In the name of humanity,it is surely a crime to allow this situation to continue nearly one and a half years after the cessation of hostilities.

You yourself, throughout the crisis, adopted an objective and humanitarian attitude and many were impressed with the wisdom and courage of your stand. May I appeal to you now to use your influence with the decision makers in an effort to alleviate the unnecessary further suffering of the innocent Iraqi people.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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